

in several congregations, pastors are being changed in several places. We wonder how it will effect the churches.

#### SISTER DETWILER'S VISIT

We are looking forward to sister Detwiler's visit to our Sister's societies, (we have two here) with pleasure. We feel sure it will strengthen us all.

#### THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We are wondering why our Executive Committee does not put forth the program for our coming National Conference. The date is now set and we should have our program soon.

I had a letter from Mr. Dickey, the manager of Winona, in which he assured me that the Western Passenger association has granted rates to Winona. It is also possible that we might be able to take advantage of the G. A. R. rates to Chicago. The agent informs me that the rates will be one cent per mile. And the time will be about Sept. 1.

I had a letter from the General Passenger Agent of the Burlington & Missouri River R. R. in Neb. asking about the delegates. I referred him to the several pastors.

#### OUR CHURCH WORK

Here at home it goes on slowly and smoothly. Our young people's work is doing quite nicely. We pray for more power tho.

We enjoyed the love feast with the Hudson Brethren last week. J. L. GILLIN.

P. S. Pastors, don't forget those report blanks. They are coming in every day. Don't leave yours out.

#### West Union, W. Va.

For the benefit of the Brethren church and college, and in order to find a location that suits me, I decided to write the following article for your paper:

My family consists of four children, three girls and one boy, my wife and wife's sister. The girls are 1, 10, and 15 years old and the boy is 13. My oldest daughter, my wife and myself are members of the Brethren church but we have never been situated near our church as I was engaged in farming and the mercantile business in the early part of our life. Then for the next ten years I was in the lumber business. Then for five years in a general insurance and real estate business, and also built up a large telephone system. Therefore we could not change our location. But now I have sold out my business and am hunting a new location. I desire to have a location near one of our churches and if possible where there is a high school, and where I can open a good and prosperous business suitable to one of my occupations. As we desire to be actively connected with our church hereafter I take this method in order to reach all Brethren communities. I request a correspondence at once from each Brethren community where they think would possibly suit me, giving full description of situation and surroundings. I will return the amount of postage and will furnish all the

reference desired as to who we are. I believe that more good can be done if the brethren generally would endeavor to settle in communities together, and would concentrate their efforts in behalf of the Brethren church and especially the school. I believe that the rapid growth of the other denominations is due to the fact that they are very careful to support their colleges both financially and by attendance. Our church is old enough to be growing faster. Therefore let us all rally to the support of our church and college.

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#### Report of the Chairman of the Mission Board of Ohio

(Read at Ohio Conference, June 7)

*Dear Brethren:*—It is somewhat difficult to make these reports, so closely connected and not report some things said in the others.

The Ohio Home Mission Board, as reorganized by the state conference of 1899 has completed her first years work.

And while perhaps we have not accomplished the work that should have been accomplished and the most sanguine expectations of the Board have perhaps not been realized yet a good work has been done. It must be remembered that the usefulness of the Board is limited by the available resources. It would not be a very difficult matter for the Board to do marvelous things with plenty of funds on hand. But with a small fund on hand our power to accomplish good is very much hampered.

Nevertheless it is encouraging to know that the Board was able to promptly fulfil all her obligations during the year. And that while some congregations did not raise any money for this noble purpose others did most splendidly. And had the work in the city of Dayton continued to prosper, the Board, no doubt would have been able to pay promptly the same amount as before during the entire year.

As chairman of the Board I would impress upon you again the great necessity of aiding the missionary cause in Ohio.

I know no better field for the Brethren church to work than in this State. And yet it is amazing what an indifference is manifested by some churches concerning this all important matter.

It is a self evident fact that every church that would love and prosper must awaken to a sense of her duty which she owes toward the missionary cause.

One church during the year, in response to a letter addressed to them by the secretary informing them as to the amount the Board expected them to pay for this noble cause, replied by writing a very nice letter stating, that since it was difficult for them, to raise the pastors salary, they could not pay one cent to the missionary cause.

The righteous indignation of the chairman was somewhat aroused and the church was informed as to her duty in a very emphatic way. I do not believe that a church that

will assume such an attitude toward the missionary cause will be blessed by God and prospered.

Persons who spoke for themselves and others who represented their churches informed the chairman, that inasmuch as there was dissension in the Dayton church they could no longer contribute toward her support.

I wish to say, that in my humble judgment, it is not in the province of every individual or congregation to say just how or when, how much or how little, to whom or where the money should be paid. I think that should be left with the discretion of the Board.

It should be taken for granted, that the Board will put the money to the best possible use, and if at the end of the year it can be shown that this was not done, then it may be necessary to remove the Board or to give them definite instructions as to the future.

The Board is at all times answerable to the conference and individuals and churches should not withdraw their support when they hear of some little difficulty existing in connection with their work. And I would suggest that every pastor in the State be required by this conference to preach at least one missionary sermon every year and take up collections regularly for the same.

Missionary zeal means life and growth to the home church as well as prosperity to the work in general. Indifference for this blessed enterprise means disintegration and death.

The expenses of my first trip to the churches were \$3.45, the collections were as follows, Miamisburg \$3.17; Bear Creek \$1.28; Troy .71 cents; total \$5.16, Collections above expences \$1.71. Expenses to Dayton at time of organization \$3.80, stamps and stationary \$1.94, total expenses for the year \$9.19, expenses above collections \$4.03.

I made four trips to Dayton during the year. Preached one sermon at Miamisburg, three sermons at Dayton, one at Bear Creek and one at Troy, six sermons in all. Traveled more than a thousand miles, spent much of my time by correspondence and drew from the Board for it all \$4.03. Besides I have raised in my charge for the State work \$50.06 and we sent to Bro. Cassel for the Washington City church \$17.50 and Anketown sent about \$7.00 to the famine stricken people in India making a grand total of \$128.56 for the year.

If all the churches in the State, would have done proportionately as well, what a grand showing we could make here now. What an inspiration it would be to this conference.

And now brethren if I have said anything that seemed to you a little harsh, remember that I take no delight in doing so, but being intensely interested in the welfare of the Brethren church and the promotion of Christ's kingdom I have simply tried to arouse you to a sense of your duty in this work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

J. L. KIMMEL.